



CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER

CHAIRMAN'S TRUST

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED

31 AUGUST 2023

Registered Charity Number 1155247

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name	The Cheshire West and Chester Chairman's Trust
Status	Registered charity (number 1155247)
Principal Office	Whitby Hall Lodge, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port CH65 6QY
Charity Objects	To support the advancement of education through short term residential learning outside the classroom for financially disadvantaged school age children residing or being educated within in the borough of Cheshire West and Chester. The trustees have due regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit and are happy that the trusts objectives support this.
Trustees	Cllr Robert Rudd – Chairman of Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council (Stepped down 08/05/2023) Cllr Robert Bissett - Deputy Chairman of Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council (Chairman from 08/05/2023) Cllr Richard Beacham - Deputy Chairman of Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council (Deputy Chairman from 08/05/2023) Michael McCann – Nominated by CWASSH Cllr Eleanor Johnson (ex-officio) Emma Drew – Nominated by CWAPH No CWASH appointed representative
Bankers	Santander – Bootle Road, Bootle L30 4GB
Auditors	Due to the level of gross annual income the accounts are subject to independent examination. The formal appointment of external auditors is not required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity has adopted the following trustee model:

- Ex-officio trustees – the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council shall, for the time being, be automatically a charity trustee for as long as he or she holds that office.
- Nominated trustees – the Cheshire West Associations of Secondary Head Teachers, Primary Head teachers and Special School Head Teachers shall each nominate a trustee. Apart from the first charity trustees, each appointment must be for a term of 2 years effective from 1 September.
- Appointed trustees – at least one but not more than 3 appointments shall be made. Apart from the first charity trustees, individuals must be appointed for a term of 2 years and by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the trust.

The charity trustees will make available to each new trustee, on or before their appointment a copy of the current constitution and a copy of the latest Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. Induction of new trustees will take place in order to ensure familiarity with the charity's aims. A training programme for new trustees shall be followed to ensure that new trustees understand their responsibilities and accountabilities as laid out in the constitution of the charity and as enshrined in the wider statutory and regulatory framework.

The Chairman shall chair meetings of the charity trustees. In the absence of the chairman, the Deputy Chairman shall chair the meeting.

Any decision may be taken either at a meeting of the trustees or by resolution in writing or electronic form agreed by all of the trustees.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trust's purpose is to develop self-sufficient, resourceful young people by supporting learning outside the classroom.

Funding is specifically for families suffering hardship, who are often working and not entitled to other funding such as pupil premium or universal credit, sit on the threshold and are significantly disadvantaged – whose children would not be able to access the opportunity without support.

The Trust aims to develop resilience and promote a culture of success and opportunity for children who will later go on to become adults who add value to the community where they have grown up. Providing young people with opportunities that have given them high aspirations, levelling the playing field between rich and poor to ensure that every child becomes the best they can be. We know that children with high aspirations strive for higher achievement in life, hopefully improving social mobility and improving their life chances

Between September 2022 and August 2023, the Chairmans Trust received a total of 93 primary school applications and 7 secondary school applications. Students visited outdoor centres in Shropshire, Cheshire, Conway and the Lake District. They've visited London, France and Spain.

A sample of the evaluations following the funded trips shows how the investment made in the children has proved worthwhile:

Beat boxing was daunting because I have never done it before and the teacher was so talented. But I tried my best and was supported by my classmates and I did well in the end.

I have been told I am a good dancer, but as a boy I don't get the opportunity to dance outside of school. I really enjoyed expressing myself in the Indian dance and the Capoeira. It's helped me be proud of my talent.

I know how to work with other people as part of a team better now, and I am no longer frightened of heights. It also gave me independence away from my parents.

My greatest challenge was the zipwire and how I overcame it was when I saw my friends do it. They calmed me down.

To not be afraid of going in the lake, I liked the paddle boarding and being pushed into the water by the instructor. Also getting to the top of the climbing wall on my last go.

I have tried out some of the things at home I also went on a canoeing trip with my grandma as I had had a go on the trip.

I feel that I have become more of a member of the class team since going away on the residential. More confident in the group.

I loved the trip, didn't miss my sisters and brother as much as I thought I would.

Switching from one canoe to another without falling in the river was scary but I did it and then jumped in anyway.

I have tried new things to eat and didn't miss home that much because we were so busy.

I was anxious but it wasn't that bad being away from home, my mates made it fun.

I found the zipline the biggest challenge, because it is so big and so scared and excited at the same time. I was so scared to go - I said I am so scared. My classmate said you can do it. I just went when they said go! I was so happy after because I did it even though I was so so scared. That is an amazing thing.

I think I won't be as scared if I try something that I've never done before. But even if I am scared it will be okay and I can just have a go then I will feel proud of myself.

I've not done den building before and I loved it. I learnt to look after my friends.

I learnt how to do archery and I got it in the middle first time. We learnt how to be a good team player and how to work well with a team.

The obstacle course as it was so high and I am scared of heights but I kept trying and did it.

When we had to work together on the car as I like to work on my own, but I let them help me and I helped them and we built it together.

Leaving my mum. I overcame it by playing with my friends, having fun and forgetting about my worries.

I was nervous about the activities but seeing everyone else in my group have a go made me even more determined. I learnt the importance of working together.

I learnt that I was really good at Square Lashing. One evening we were blindfolded, we had to hold onto a rope and guide our way to our Pods, I had to be really brave.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The trust held reserves of £50,510.02 at the start of the accounting period and these had decreased to £40,708.87 at the end of the accounting period.

The assets of the trust reflect the balance held at bank at the end of the accounting period and this totals £40,708.87

The trust had no outstanding liabilities at the end of the accounting period.

POLICIES

Investment policy

In determining the level of funds that are available to invest, the trustees have considered the amount of expected income, costs of running the charity and the likely level of grants to be awarded to current and future beneficiaries. No investments were made in the accounting period ended 31 August 2023. The trustees will need to develop an investment policy in future years to manage surplus funds.

Reserves policy

The availability of reserves to the charity enables it to fund the desired level of grant awards. A reserve of £20,000 has been agreed.

Grant making policy

Applications are invited from disadvantaged children from schools within the borough for grant aid towards the cost of board and lodgings for residential visits organised by the schools themselves.

RISK MANAGEMENT

There are currently no risks to which the charity is exposed. Grants are not allowed without sufficient funds available for disbursement. Any future risks will be reviewed and systems and processes will be established to manage those risks.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees must comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, the preparation and scrutiny of statement of accounts and to the preparation of annual reports and returns. The statement of accounts, reports and returns must be sent to the Charity Commission within ten months of the financial year end.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**Statement of Financial Activities for the
financial year ended 31 August 2023**

INCOME	Notes	2022/23	2021/22
School Donations and Grants		0.00	0.00
Other Donations and Grants		4809.00	1640.70
Bank Interest (reimbursement of charges)		0.00	0.00
Total Incoming Resources		<u>4809.00</u>	<u>£1640.70</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Grants to Schools		14575.15	12330.07
Administration Expenses		35.00	35.00
Total Resources Expended		<u>£14610.15</u>	<u>£12365.07</u>
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources		-£9801.15	-10724.40
Fund balances brought forward at 1st September 2022		<u>£50510.02</u>	<u>£61234.39</u>
Fund balances carried forward at 31st August 2023		<u>£40708.87</u>	<u>£50510.02</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2023

	Notes	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
ASSETS			
Cash at the Bank and in Hand		40708.87	50510.02
LIABILITIES			
		0	0
Net Assets		<u>£40708.87</u>	<u>£50510.02</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted		0	0
Unrestricted		40708.87	50510.02
Total Funds		<u>£40708.87</u>	<u>£50510.02</u>

Notes to the accounts for the financial year ended 31 August 2023

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and with applicable accounting standards.

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below:

- a. Basis for preparation of the Financial Statements. The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention.
- b. Funds Structure

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. There are currently no restricted funds.

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds could include designated funds were the trustees, at their discretion, to create for a specific purpose.
- c. Incoming Resources are recognised in the period received.
- d. Expenditure is charge on a cash basis.
- e. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of expenditure for which it was incurred

2. Donations

£4000 donation was received from Chester Bluecoat upon application. Refunds of £808 were received from schools where pupils did not attend residential but funding had been provided.

3. Charitable expenditure

£14575.15 was awarded between 100 children across Cheshire West and Chester between September 2022 to August 2023. £35 was paid to Information Commissioner's Office for the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018. Totalling £14610.15

4. Funds of the charity

	Balance 1 Sept 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance 31 Aug 2023 £	Balance 31 Aug 2022 £
Restricted Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted	40708.87	4809.00	14610.15	40708.87	50510.02
Total	40708.87	4809.00	14610.15	40708.87	50510.02

5. Transactions and Trustee Emoluments

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the trustees during the period.

6. Independent/Auditor Examination

As the average annual gross income of the Trust is not between £25,000 and £500,000 the accounts are not required to be independently examined.

Approved by the Trustees via email

ROBERT BISSET Chairman